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the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase from 200 million to 400 million. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion.

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TARAKI'S DEPARTURE WAS CHANGED, PROBABLY AS A SECURITY MEASURE. AS THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE, THE DEPARTURE TIME WAS MOVED UP AN HOUR ON SHORT NOTICE--THE DIP CORPS BEING NOTIFIED BY PHONE.

4. THE SPECIAL POSITION OF THE USSR WAS ALSO VERY EVIDENT. FOR ONE, THE AIRCRAFT CARRYING TARAKI TO MOSCOW WAS APPARENTLY A CHARTER AEROFLOT TU-134, PAID FOR, I SUSPECT, BY THE SOVIETS. FOR ANOTHER, THE SOLE VEHICLES ALLOWED TO PARK BY THE AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE WERE THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S CURTAINED MERCEDES AND HIS EMBASSY SECURITY FOLLOW CAR (CARRYING FOUR SOVIETS). EVEN POLITSBUREAU MEMBERS HAD TO PARK THEIR CARS IN THE GENERAL PARKING LOT. (I CAN'T SPEAK FOR HAFIZULLAH AMIN SINCE HE LEFT THE AIRPORT FIRST.) FINALLY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR PUZANOV (THE DIP CORPS DEAN) AND THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR WENT TO THE PLANESIDE TO SEE TARAKI OFF, AND WHEN THE ENTOURAGE RETURNED, PUZANOV AND AMIN WALKED BACK TOGETHER, THEIR SLEEVES TOUCHING, AT LEAST SIX FEET AHEAD OF THE REST OF THE ENTOURAGE. NOBODY AT THE DEPARTURE CEREMONIES COULD FAIL TO NOTICE THE USSR'S SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND PLACE OF HONOR.

5. WATANJAR'S AND BAREQ SHAFARIE'S PROMINENCE AT THE CEREMONY WAS ALSO INTERESTING, AND IT HAS STIMULATED POLITICAL SPECULATION AMONG WESTERN DIP CORPS MEMBERS. NEITHER MINISTER IS IN THE POLITSBUREAU. WERE THEY PROMINENT SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITIONS AS INTERIOR AND TRANSPORTATION MINISTERS, OR SHOULD ONE READ MORE INTO IT? BAREQ SHAFARIE WAS ONLY AT PLANESIDE, WHILE WATANJAR WALKED BESIDE TARAKI WHILE HE "INSPECTED" OR SHOOK HANDS WITH ALL THOSE PRESENT. I AM NOT SURE WHAT TO CONCLUDE, ALTHOUGH ELEMENTS IN THIS EMBASSY ARE TEMPTED TO SEE SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN IT ALL.

6. TARAKI AND ME. FINALLY, I PROBABLY SHOULD MENTION A  
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SOMEWHAT OF A LITTLE INCIDENT. WHEN TARAKI WALKED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WE WERE CROWDED TWO LAYERS DEEP BY THE ROPE BARRIER. I WAS AMONG THOSE IN THE SECOND ROW, AND ONE OF WHOM GOT TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE REACHED ME, THOUGH, AND, AS THE PROTOCOL CHIEF CALLED OUT, HE STUCK HIS HAND THROUGH THE FIRST ROW TO CHASE HIM. HE WAS LAUGHING BUT SMILED BARKLY AND REPEATEDLY PUNCHED MY HAND. THE TIME HE TOOK TO DO THIS WAS NOTICEABLY LONGER THAN ANY OTHER DIPLOMAT NEAR HIM. OUR NEW CATT 100, WE WERE TOLD, THAT IN THE ATTACHE SECTION HE ALSO GOT A VARIETY OF HANDS.

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OTHERS, INCLUDING THE ACTING SOV MILATT.

7. I DON'T THINK TOO MUCH SHOULD BE READ INTO THIS, BUT IT DID MAKE ME WONDER WHETHER, IN A SMALL WAY, HE WASN'T TRYING TO CONVEY AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP TO THE U.S. I'D LIKE TO THINK SO. AMSTUTZ

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